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**Subject:** RE: Idaho Press inquiry: Dorchester Apartments in Boise -- asbestos  
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Thanks for sharing the news story. I see it mentions a lack of heat in apartment units but I'm not seeing asbestos mentioned (perhaps that's in other stories circulating).

I am expecting a notification. Here's what I know about the apartment building in Boise.

- I was contacted by their attorneys last week. They explained they represent the apartment building owners and have a situation where they had repair contractors cut into drywall to access plumbing in a number of units.
- Unfortunately, the maintenance work is subject to EPA's asbestos requirements and they are catching up after-the-fact. The work is subject because of the size of the job is above our threshold and because testing showed that there is more than 1% asbestos in the materials.
- They hired a consultant to oversee a response action to test and clean the apartment units. We discussed their plan and I feel they've got a good plan, the important thing is to follow it.
- The attorneys are considering submitting a Self-Disclosure to EPA for potential violations of the Clean Air Act.
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Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Idaho Press inquiry: Dorchester Apartments in Boise -- asbestos

Hi John!

Can you tell us if EPA has received an asbestos renovation/demolition notification for Cambridge Dorchester Apartments in Boise (owned by Commercial Northwest Property Management)?

If not, are they required to notify Idaho DEQ instead?

The building has been in the local [news](#) recently regarding tenant evictions.

Thank you!

Suzanne

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**Subject:** RE: Idaho Press/Question

Hello Carolyn,

Thanks for reaching out. I'll check with our compliance program and see if we've received any notification on this. We'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you,  
Suzanne

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**Subject:** Idaho Press/Question

Good morning,

I hope you had a good memorial day weekend! My name is Carolyn and I'm a reporter with the Idaho Press. I heard that the Dorchester Apartments in Boise determined that there was asbestos and informed the EPA. Is this true? Can you provide any more information? I appreciate it.

Thanks,  
Carolyn

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